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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, applicants  
respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.